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Country - India

Subject - Aviation Developments - Air Force Purchase of Ouragan Jets

Place Acquired [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

Date Acquired - [REDACTED]

Date of Information - late May 53

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1. The Indian Air Force has negotiated the purchase of French Dassault-manufactured, Ouragan jet aircraft to equip three fighter squadrons. The Ouragan is powered with the Rolls Royce Nene jet, manufactured under license by Hispano. The purchase is believed to be the result of hard feelings aroused by the failure of British industry to supply engines for present De Havilland Vampire equipment, and the general "take it or leave it" attitude of the British regarding dates of delivery of new equipment.
2. Temporary withdrawal of Viking aircraft and the recent Dakota crashes have temporarily dislocated Indian domestic air services.

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